REMARKS

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claim 15 will be cancelled. Upon removal of multiple dependencies it is considered to be redundant with Claim 1.

The amendment to the title and abstract have been made to put the application in better form.

The amendments to the claims have been made to place the claims in conformance with U.S. patent practice. These amendments are not in derogation of any prior art, and Applicant respectfully asserts that it is entitled to the claims as amended and any equivalents thereof.

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VERSION MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES

IN THE TITLE:

Before the first line of the specification, please amend the title as follows:

~~Substituted benzoylisoxazoles~~ --SUBSTITUTED BENZOYLISOXAZOLES AND THE USE THEREOF AS HERBICIDES--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

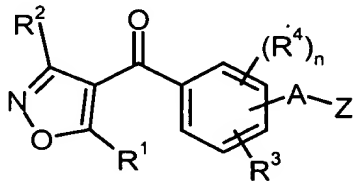
Please replace line 1 of the Abstract with the following:

~~Substituted benzoylisoxazoles~~ --SUBSTITUTED BENZOYLISOXAZOLES AND THE USE THEREOF AS HERBICIDES--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 15. Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A ~~C~~compound~~s~~ of the ~~general f~~Formula (I),



(I)

in which

n represents the number 0, 1, 2 or 3,

A represents a single bond or represents alkanediyl (alkylene),

R^1 represents hydrogen or represents in each case optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl or cycloalkyl,

R^2 represents hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl, halogen, or represents in each case optionally substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl or alkylsulphonyl,

R^3 represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, or represents in each case optionally substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulphonyl,

R^4 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, or represents in each case optionally substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino or di-alkylaminosulphonyl, and

Z represents an optionally substituted 4- to 12-membered, saturated or unsaturated, monocyclic or bicyclic, heterocyclic grouping which contains 1 to 4 hetero atoms (up to 4 nitrogen atoms and optionally - alternatively or additionally - one oxygen atom or one sulphur atom, or one SO grouping or one SO_2 grouping) and which additionally contains one to three oxo groups (C=O) and/or thioxo groups (C=S) as components of the heterocycle.

2. (Once Amended) The ~~C~~compounds~~ according to Claim 1, characterized in that~~ wherein

n represents the number 0, 1 or 2,

A represents a single bond or represents alkanediyl (alkylene) having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

R^1 represents hydrogen, represents optionally cyano-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulphinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-

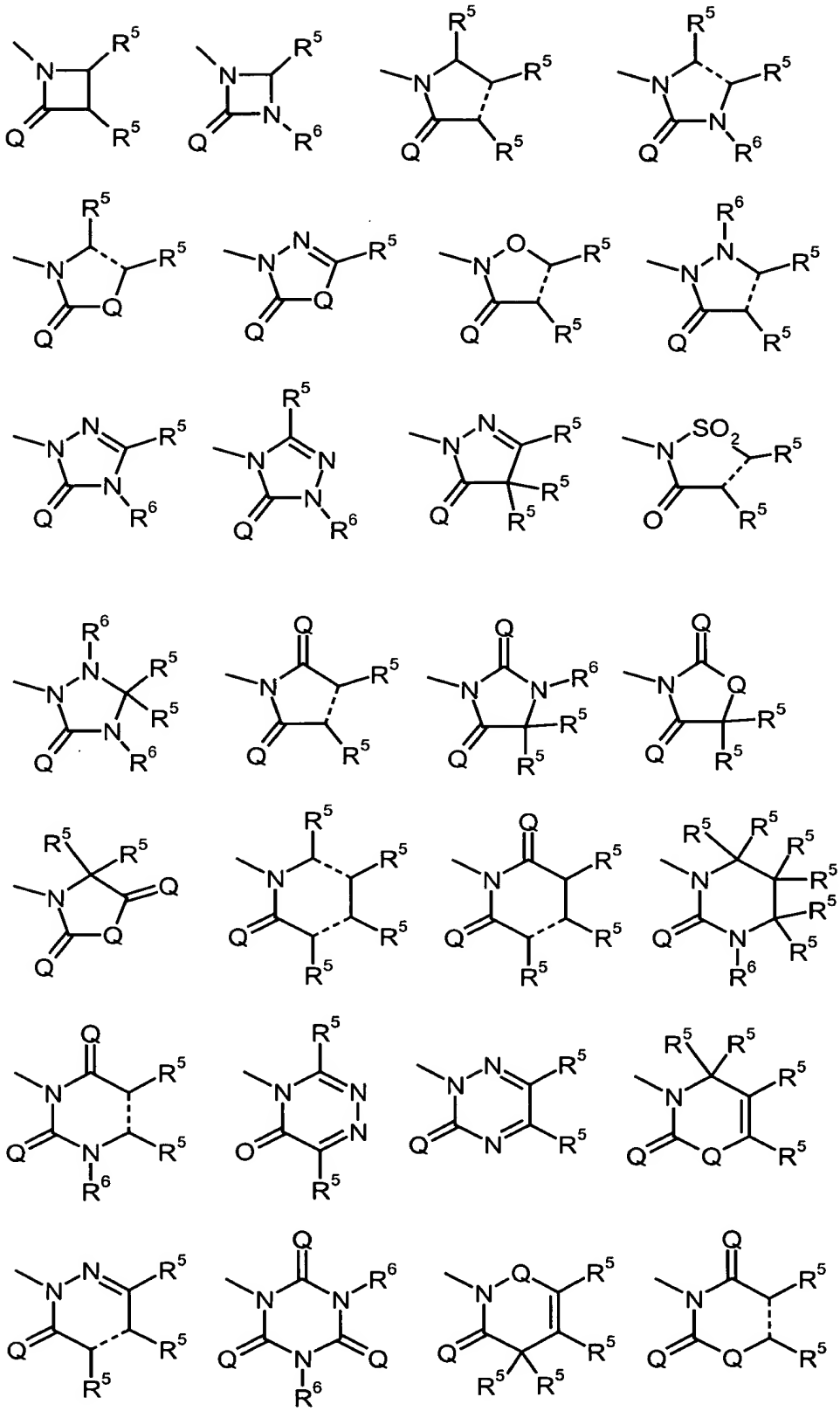
sulphonyl-substituted alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, represents optionally cyano- or halogen-substituted alkenyl having 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or represents optionally cyano-, halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted cycloalkyl having 3 to 6 carbon atoms,

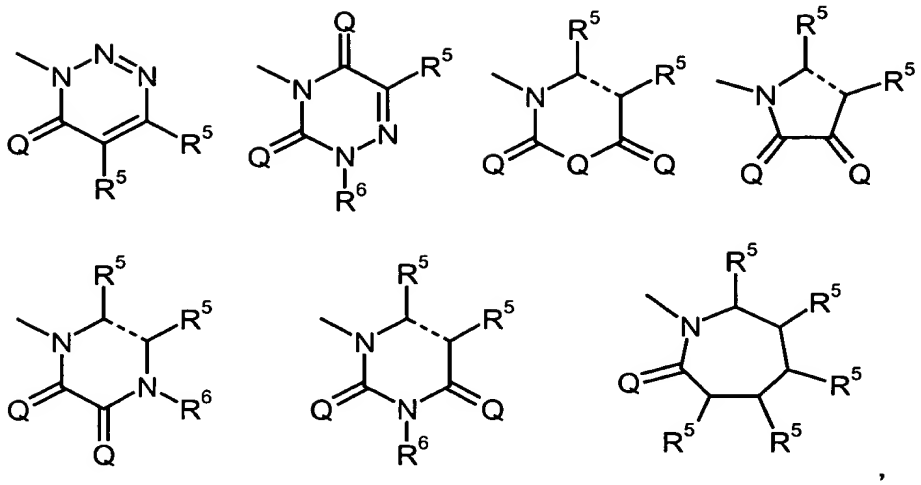
R^2 represents hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulphinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulphonyl-substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy or alkoxycarbonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms, or represents optionally halogen-substituted alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl or alkylsulphonyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

R^3 represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulphinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulphonyl-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl or alkylsulphonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulphonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups,

R^4 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, halogen, represents in each case optionally halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulphinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulphonyl-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl or alkylsulphonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents alkylamino, dialkylamino or dialkylaminosulphonyl having in each case up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, and

Z represents one of the heterocyclic groupings below





in which the dotted bond is in each case a single bond or a double bond, and each heterocyclic grouping preferably only carries two substituents of the definition R^5 and/or R^6,

Q represents oxygen or sulphur,

R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, cyano, halogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-, C_1-C_4-alkylthio-, C_1-C_4-alkylsulphinyl- or C_1-C_4-alkylsulphonyl-substituted alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl or alkylsulphonyl having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkylamino or dialkylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkinyl, alkenyloxy, alkenylthio or alkenylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkinyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkyloxy, cycloalkylthio, cycloalkylamino, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkoxy, cycloalkylalkylthio or cycloalkylalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents in each case optionally

halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted phenyl, phenyloxy, phenylthio, phenylamino, benzyl, benzyloxy, benzylthio or benzylamino, represents pyrrolidino, piperidino or morpholino, or – if two adjacent radicals R^5 and R^5 are located at a double bond - also together with the adjacent radical R^5 represents a benzo grouping, and

R^6 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, alkylidenamino having up to 4 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino or alkanoylamino having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkenyl, alkinyl or alkenyloxy having in each case up to 6 carbon atoms in the alkenyl or alkinyl groups, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl or cycloalkylamino having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally up to 3 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents in each case optionally halogen-, C_1-C_4-alkyl- or C_1-C_4-alkoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl, or together with an adjacent radical R^5 or R^6 represents optionally halogen- or C_1-C_4-alkyl-substituted alkanediyl having 3 to 5 carbon atoms,

where the individual radicals R^5 and R^6 – if a plurality of them are attached to the same heterocyclic grouping - can have identical or different meanings within the scope of the above said definition of said radicals.

3. (Once Amended) The ~~C~~compounds ~~according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein

A represents a single bond, methylene, ethylidene (ethane-1,1-diyl) or dimethylene (ethane-1,2-diyl),

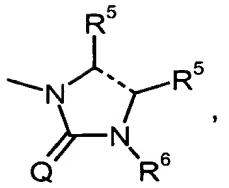
R^1 represents hydrogen, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulphinyl-, ethylsulphinyl, n- or i-propylsulphinyl-, methylsulphonyl-, ethylsulphonyl-, n- or i-propylsulphonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- or bromine-substituted propenyl, butenyl, propinyl or butinyl, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl,

R^2 represents hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, acetyl, propionyl, n- or i-butyroyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, n- or i-propoxycarbonyl, or represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio,

R^3 represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulphinyl-, ethylsulphinyl-, methylsulphonyl- or ethylsulphonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, n- or i-propylsulphinyl, methylsulphonyl, ethylsulphonyl, n- or i-propylsulphonyl, or represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, dimethylaminosulphonyl or diethylaminosulphonyl,

R^4 represents nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carbamoyl, thiocarbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, methylsulphinyl-, ethylsulphinyl-, methylsulphonyl- or ethylsulphonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, n- or i-propylsulphinyl, methylsulphonyl, ethylsulphonyl, n- or i-propylsulphonyl, or represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, dimethylaminosulphonyl or diethylaminosulphonyl,

Z represents one of the groupings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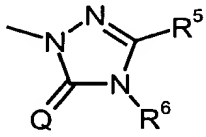
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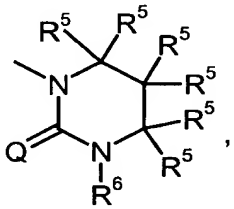
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R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, mercapto, cyano, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, n-, i-, s- or t-butoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, n- or i-propylthio-, n-, i-, s- or t-butylthio-, methylsulphinyl-, ethylsulphinyl-, n- or i-propylsulphinyl-, methylsulphonyl-, ethylsulphonyl-, n- or i-propylsulphonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, n-, i-, s- or t-butoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, n-, i-, s- or t-butylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, n- or i-propylsulphinyl, methylsulphonyl, ethylsulphonyl, n- or i-propylsulphonyl, represents methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, n-, i-, s- or t-butylamino,

dimethylamino, diethylamino, di-n-propylamino or di-i-propylamino, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted ethenyl, propenyl, butenyl, ethinyl, propinyl, butinyl, propenyloxy, butenyloxy, propenylthio, butenylthio, propenylamino or butenylamino, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropyloxy, cyclobutyloxy, cyclopentyloxy, cyclohexyloxy, cyclopropylthio, cyclobutylthio, cyclopentylthio, cyclohexylthio, cyclopropylamino, cyclobutylamino, cyclopentylamino, cyclohexylamino, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, cyclopropylmethoxy, cyclobutylmethoxy, cyclopentylmethoxy, cyclohexylmethoxy, cyclopropylmethylthio, cyclobutylmethylthio, cyclopentylmethylthio, cyclohexylmethylthio, cyclopropylmethylamino, cyclobutylmethylamino, cyclopentylmethylamino or cyclohexylmethylamino, or represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n- or i-propyl-, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted phenyl, phenyloxy, phenylthio, phenylamino, benzyl, benzyloxy, benzylthio or benzylamino, represents pyrrolidino, piperidino or morpholino, or - if two adjacent radicals R^5 and R^5 are located at a double bond - together with the adjacent radical R^5 also represents a benzo grouping, and

R^6 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, amino, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i- or s-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, methylamino, ethylamino or dimethylamino, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted ethenyl, propenyl, ethinyl, propinyl or propenyloxy, represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, or represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n- or i-propyl-, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted phenyl or benzyl,

or together with an adjacent radical R^5 or R^6 represents in each case optionally methyl- and/or ethyl-substituted propane-1,3-diyl (trimethylene) or butane-1,4-diyl (tetramethylene).

4. (Once Amended) The ~~C~~compounds ~~according to any of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 3, characterized in that~~ wherein

R^1 represents hydrogen, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, methylthio-, ethylthio-, methylsulphinyl-, ethylsulphinyl-, methylsulphonyl- or ethylsulphonyl-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, or represents optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl- or ethyl-substituted cyclopropyl,

R^2 represents hydrogen, cyano, carbamoyl, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, n- or i-propoxycarbonyl, or represents in each case optionally fluorine- and/or chlorine- substituted methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio,

R^3 represents hydrogen, nitro, cyano, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxymethyl, methylthiomethyl, methylsulphinylmethyl, methylsulphonylmethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, methylsulphonyl, ethylsulphonyl or dimethylaminosulphonyl,

R^4 represents nitro, cyano, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxymethyl, methylthiomethyl, methylsulphinylmethyl, methylsulphonylmethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, methylsulphonyl, ethylsulphonyl or dimethylaminosulphonyl,

R^5 represents hydrogen, hydroxyl, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, difluoromethyl, dichloromethyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, chlorodifluoromethyl, fluorodichloromethyl, fluoroethyl, chloroethyl, difluoroethyl, dichloroethyl, fluoro-n-propyl, fluoro-i-propyl, chloro-n-propyl, chloro-i-propyl, methoxymethyl, ethoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxyethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, n-, i-, s- or t-butoxy, fluoroethoxy, chloroethoxy, difluoroethoxy, dichloroethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, trichloroethoxy, chlorofluoroethoxy, chlorodifluoroethoxy, fluorodichloroethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, fluoroethylthio, chloroethylthio, difluoroethylthio, dichloroethylthio, chlorofluoroethylthio, chlorodifluoroethylthio, fluorodichloroethylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, n- or i-propylsulphinyl, methylsulphonyl, ethylsulphonyl, n- or i-propylsulphonyl, dimethylamino, propenylthio, butenylthio, propinylthio, butinylthio, cyclopropyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclopropylmethoxy, phenyl or phenoxy, and

R^6 represents amino, methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylamino, dimethylamino, cyclopropyl or cyclopropylmethyl, or together with R^5 represents propane-1,3-diyl (trimethylene), butane-1,4-diyl (tetramethylene) or pentane-1,5-diyl (pentamethylene).

5. (Once Amended) The ~~C~~compound~~s~~ according to ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 4, characterized in that~~ wherein

A represents methylene.

6. (Once Amended) The ~~C~~compound~~s~~ according to ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ ~~2~~1 ~~to 5, characterized in that~~ wherein

Q represents oxygen (O).

7. (Once Amended) The ~~C~~compound~~s~~ according to ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 6, characterized in that~~ wherein

R^1 represents cyclopropyl.

8. (Once Amended) The ~~C~~compound~~s~~ according to ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 7, characterized in that~~ wherein

R^2 represents hydrogen, methoxycarbonyl or ethoxycarbonyl.

9. (Once Amended) The ~~C~~compound~~s~~ according to ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ 2~~1 to 8, characterized in that~~ wherein

R^6 represents methyl, dimethylamino or cyclopropyl.

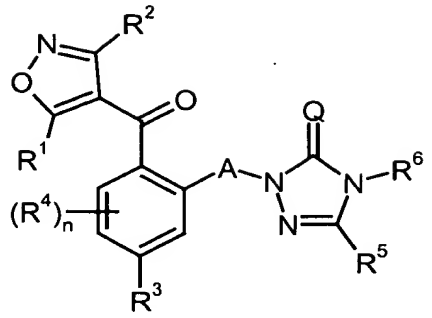
10. (Once Amended) The ~~C~~compound~~s~~ according to ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 9, characterized in that~~ wherein

R^3 represents chlorine, bromine, cyano, trifluoromethyl or methylsulphonyl.

11. (Once Amended) The ~~C~~compound~~s~~ according to ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 10, characterized in that~~ wherein

R^4 represents hydrogen, cyano, chlorine, nitro, methyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy or methylsulphonyl.

12. (Once Amended) A ~~C~~compound~~s~~ ~~according to any of Claims 1 to 11~~ of the ~~general~~ ~~f~~Formula (IA)

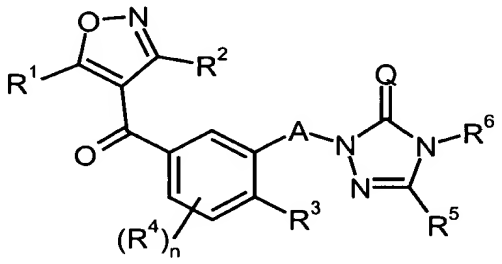


(IA)

in which

n, A, Q, R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6 are each as defined in ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ 2~~1 to 11~~.

13. (Once Amended) A ~~C~~compound~~s according to any of Claims 1 to 11~~ of the ~~general~~ fFormula (IB)

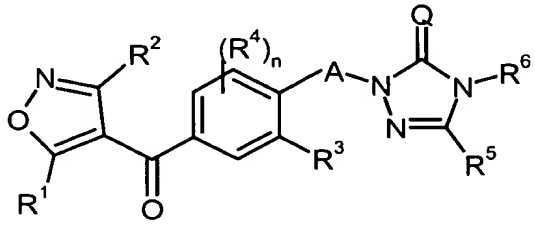


(IB)

in which

n, A, Q, R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6 are each as defined in ~~any of~~ Claims 2 ~~1 to 11~~.

14. (Once Amended) A ~~C~~compound~~s according to any of Claims 1 to 11~~ of the ~~general f~~Formula (IC)



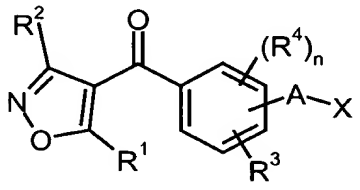
(IC)

in which

n, A, Q, R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5 and R^6 are each as defined in ~~any of~~ Claims ~~2~~ 1 ~~to 11~~.

16. (Once Amended) A ~~P~~process for preparing a compound~~s~~ of the Formula (I) according to ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 15, characterized in that~~ wherein

(a) a benzoylisoxazole~~s~~ of the ~~general f~~Formula (II)



(II)

in which

n, A, R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are each as defined in ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 5, 7, 8, 10 and 11~~ and

X represents halogen

are reacted with heterocycles of the ~~general f~~Formula (III)

H-Z (III)

in which

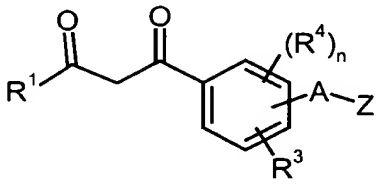
Z is as defined in Claim~~s~~ 1 ~~or 2~~,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of one or more diluents,

or that

- if R^2 is hydrogen-

(b) a benzoyl ketones of the ~~general f~~Formula (IV)



(IV)

in which

n, A, R^1, R^3, R^4 and Z are each as defined in ~~any of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 5, 7, 10 and 11~~

are reacted with a compound selected from the group consisting of an orthoformic ester ~~or~~ and an N,N-dimethylformamide acetal

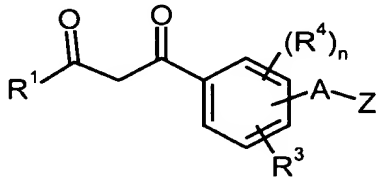
and are subsequently reacted with hydroxylamine or an acid adduct thereof,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of one or more diluents,

or that

- if R^2 represents optionally substituted alkoxycarbonyl -

(c) a benzoyl ketones of the ~~general f~~Formula (IV)



(IV)

in which

n, A, R^1, R^3, R^4 and Z are each as defined in ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 5, 7, 10 and 11~~

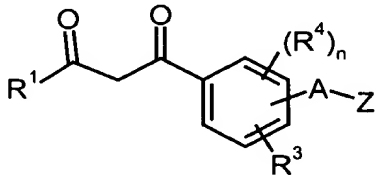
are reacted with a cyanoformic ester and then ~~with a compound selected from the group consisting of~~ hydroxylamine, or an acid adduct of hydroxylamine~~thereof~~, or are reacted with ~~and~~ an alkyl chloro-hydroximino-acetate,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of one or more diluents,

or that

- if R^2 represents alkylthio –

(d) a benzoyl ketone~~s~~ of the ~~general f~~Formula (IV)



(IV)

in which

n, A, R^1, R^3, R^4 and Z are each as defined in ~~any of~~ Claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 5, 7, 10 and 11~~

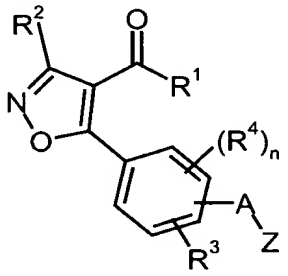
are reacted with carbon disulphide and with an alkylating agent

and then with hydroxylamine or an acid adduct thereof,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of one or more reaction auxiliaries and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of one or more diluents,

and further optionally comprising the step of conducting electrophilic or nucleophilic substitutions and/or oxidations or reductions ~~within the scope of the definition of the substituents are, if appropriate, subsequently carried out in a customary manner~~ on the compounds of the ~~f~~Formula (I) obtained according to one of said processes (a) to (d).

17. (Once Amended) A ~~C~~compounds of the ~~general f~~Formula (IE)

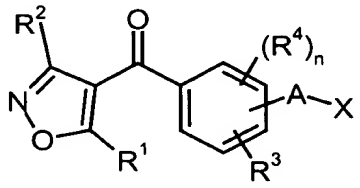


(IE)

in which

n, A, R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and Z are each as defined in ~~any of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 5, 7, 8, 10 and 11~~.

18. (Once Amended) A ~~C~~compounds of the ~~general f~~Formula (II)~~, except for ethyl 4-(2-bromo-methyl-benzoyl)-5-cyclopropyl isoxazole-3-carboxylate,~~



(II)

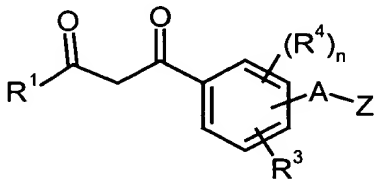
in which

n, A, R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are each as defined in ~~any of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 5, 7, 8, 10 and 11~~ and

X represents halogen,

excluding ethyl 4-(2-bromo-methyl-benzoyl)-5-cyclopropyl-isoxazole-3-carboxylate.

19. (Once Amended) A ~~C~~compounds of the ~~general f~~Formula (IV)



(IV)

in which

n, A, R^1, R^3, R^4 and Z are each as defined in ~~any of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 5, 7, 10 and 11~~.

20. (Once Amended) An ~~H~~herbicidal compositions~~, characterized in that they comprise~~ comprising at least one compound according to ~~any of Clams~~ Claim 1 ~~to 14~~ and ~~customary~~ an extenders.

21. (Once Amended) ~~Use of at least one~~ A method for controlling undesirable plants comprising applying an effective amount of a compound of the Formula (I) according to ~~any of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 14 for controlling undesirable plants~~ to one or more members selected from the group consisting of said plants and an habitat of said plants.